said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt; and

a belt guide baving stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and curved surfaces.

Claim 3 (amended). The belt drive according to claim 1, wherein: said shaped surfaces are rotationally symmetrical stop surfaces in rolling contact with said edges.

Claim 4 (amended). A machine for printing images on flat printing material, comprising a belt drive including:

a continuous belt for revolving during operation; said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and curved surfaces.